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Dear Barron,

I have to do it this way to prevent interruption to your procedures to the greatest extent while keep you be informed as soon as possible of the problems I found in the claims and my amendment for overcoming them.

Pls process this amendment at a time convenient to you.

Claims 19, 18, 20, 21 is to be amended. Claim 18 is already amended the third time by Amendment on Claim 18 Dated Oct., 17, 2001, so it is indicated as Four time amended herein below.

Method claims 18, 20 as amended has the term "person"/"user" respectively first appear in the preamble, not a step thereof, therefore clearly indicates that when "at least said steps c) to e)" of claim 18 or "at least said steps c) " of claim 20 is repeated as readable on the bottom of the 2 claims, the term "said person/user" as readable on the steps thereof is referring to the same "person/user".

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Claim 18 as amended deletes in step b) "second software which being specific to a user" and Claim 20 as amended similarly deletes the last paragraph "first and second software being specific to said rightful user", because it is implicit in the amended 2 claims, for the above reason.

Claim 18 as amended changes "user" which originally admitted of an interpretation as an organisation consist of a group of members, with "person". In this way, the term "cost"(line 12 & last line) now become well defined.

Claim 21 , last paragraph, first line, "is" is changed with "are".

Claim 10 ~~as amended~~ specifies "information exists in the authorising program/means, capable of being used *— but not in a form as for being so used...* ~~by the user of said authorising program/means~~ in enabling operation(s) for which said rightful user(s) has to be responsible". Although the patent office generally regards information related to computer as *in a form* undefined unless being^{in a form} actually used in a computer, the claimed information should be confidential to the rightful user and therefore anyone else who capable of using it to cause the operation can only be done ~~it~~ by chance or, actually relying on the information in a commonly known manner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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